Dodd's Probers Issue Summons for Klein

6/21/66

By Richard Harwood
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously yesterday to summon back from Europe foreign agent Julius Klein to testify in public about his relationship with Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.).

The Committee also announced that public hearings in the Dodd case will begin today with the testimony of James P. Boyd Jr., a former member of Dodd's staff.

At the same time, Committee Chairman John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) said no effort will be made to have Dodd testify unless he requests a hearing.

"It is entirely up to the Senator," Stennis said.

Dodd later indicated that he would testify at some point in the inquiry.

These developments came at the end of the second day of the Committee's investigation into charges of misconduct against Dodd, arising out of newspaper articles by columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson.

The inquiry, at this point, focuses solely on the question of whether Dodd has acted, in the words of the columnists, as "an errand boy" for Klein, a registered foreign agent for the Society of German-American Co-operation in Wiesbaden, West Germany. The Soiety is made up of German bankers and industrialists, is subsidized by the West German government, and has employed Klein at fees between $125,000 and $150,000 a year.

Stennis made it plain yesterday that when the Klein-Dodd matter is disposed of, the Ethics Committee will move on to other charges against the Senator. One area to be explored, presumably, encompases allegations that

See DODD, A2, Col. 3

Dodd has converted to his personal use between $200,000 and $300,000 in campaign contributions which he regarded as non-taxable gifts.

"Other phases (beyond the Klein matter)," Stennis said, "have been under development by the Committee . . . The material is in final preparation . . . It has touched on a great number of people and matters outside Washington."

It had been uncertain on Monday whether the Committee intended to question either Klein or Dodd about their relationship and, in particular, about a trip Dodd made o Wes Germany in April, 1964. Pearson and Anderson have written that Dodd made the trip primarily to reassure Klein's German clients that Klein's services were valuable in Washington. Klein had become a controversial figure in Germany after being called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to explain his activities as a foreign agent.

At the close of Monday's Committee meeting, Stennis said no decision had been made on requesting Klein to testify.

Boyd's Comment

This drew from the Committee's first witness, Boyd, the post-season comment that it would be "preposterous or inexcusable" if neither Klein nor Dodd was put on the stand.

Boyd, a former Administrative Assistant to Dodd, finished his non-public testimony yesterday.

A few hours later Stennis announced the Klein summons but said it may take some time to get him back from Europe because "he customarily travels by boat."

The second Committee wit-

United Press International

MARJORIE CARPENTER
"everybody is very nervous"

ness was Marjorie Carpenter, 28, Dodd's personal secretary for 2½ years. She resigned in December, 1964, and assisted Boyd in gathering documents from Dodd's files.

After several hours before the Committee, she came out to describe the atmosphere inside the closed hearing room in the New Senate Office Building: "Everything is very jumbled up. Everybody is very nervous. Nobody likes this. But I think they are sincere."

Witnesses Cross-Examined

Much of the questioning yesterday was being done by John F. Sonnett, Dodd's attorney, who has been permitted to cross-examine witnesses.

Sen. Stennis said Boyd and Mrs. Carpenter testified about the major facts and allegations involved in Dodd's 1964 trip to Germany.

Other witnesses yesterday were David Martin, a member of Dodd's staff, who accompanied the Senator on the trip in question, and Gerry Zeiller, a staff assistant to Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.).

The nature of Zeiller's testimony was not disclosed.

For the second day, Chairman Stennis spent time with reporters "clarifying" his statement on Monday that the 4000 documents gathered from Dodd's files by Boyd and others were "stigmatized so as to preclude their use as evidence here."

What he meant to say, said Stennis, was that the Committee decided to duplicate all the relevant documents obtained by Boyd so as to preclude any argument that they were tainted.

"The impression that these 4000 papers have been discarded or abandoned is erroneus," he said.